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In re Patent Application of:

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For: Method of Securely Passing A Value
Token Between Web Sites

Examiner: J. Reagan

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office action dated August 27, 2002, please amend the above referenced application as indicated herein and refer to the supporting argument.

Clean copy of claims as currently presented:

27. An electronic commerce system comprising:

a club manager web site to create a club, the club manager web site including a registration component to register users as club members, and a credential creation component to create a value token associating a selected club member with entitlement to a benefit and to cryptographically sign the value token to create a credential;